*Copyists in the Magistrates' Courts.*

336. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how many qualified copyists there are in the Magistrates' Courts in the State;

(*b*) how many clerks were confirmed in the Revenue Department in the State in the years 1110, 1111 and 1112 M. E., (till 15-3-1112);

(*c*) how many qualified copyists who had acting clerks' service were included in the list of those clerks who have been confirmed in the years 1110, 1111 and 1112 (till 15-3-1112);

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, the reason or reasons for not confirming the copyists who have acted as clerks;

(*e*) how many acting clerks in the lowest grade there were on 1-2-1112;

(*f*) how many of those acting places were given to the duly qualified permanent copyists;

(*g*) if the answer to part (*f*) is in the negative, the reason or reasons for not giving the permanent copyists promotion as acting clerks; and

(*h*) whether the claims of permanent qualified copyists who have acted as clerks have been considered in filling up the vacancies of clerks?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) 54.

(*b*) 31 in the grade of Rs. 20-25.

(*c*) 5.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

(*e*) 73.

(*f*) 8.

(*g*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*f*).

(*h*) Yes.

*Kudivila of teak trees.*

337. *MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there are still arrears of *kudivila* of teak trees to be paid from 1088 onwards?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes But the arrears are being considerably reduced year after year, and there were only 719 claims actually pending settlement towards the close of 1111 M. E. Most of these claims relate to the fellings made after 1100 and are pending under various stages of investigation and settlement, and for the production of records, etc. by the parties. In the majority of cases the pendency is due to the parties.

*Pattanacad Cross Canal.*

338. *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have accorded administrative sanction to cut open the Pattanacad Cross Canal;

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[Mr. Edavanatt S. Padmanabha Menon]

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether any action has been taken by the Public Works Department to take up the work immediately ;

(*c*) whether they are aware of an offer made by the Pattanacad Canal Committee to undertake the digging of this canal at one third of its estimated cost provided the Government acquire the sites necessary for the same ; and

(*d*) whether any action has been taken on this representation ?

**MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) ; (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No, for want of funds.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes, an undertaking was taken to that effect and necessary detailed estimate has been prepared and sanctioned.

**MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*) : What is the estimated cost for the acquisition of the necessary site for the canal ?

**MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The total cost is altogether Rs. 18,900 including the cost of acquisition. Separate figures regarding cost of acquisition are not readily available.

**MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*) : May I know whether administrative sanction for the scheme was given in 1111 or 1112 ?

**MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : It was given in September 1936.

*Maintenance of the Alleppey-Aroor Road.*

339. ✻**MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount spent by the Public Works Department for the maintenance of the Alleppey-Aroor road in 1110 and 1111 ;

(*b*) the maintenance amount spent in 1111 per mile for the main central road and for a mile of the Alleppey-Aroor road ; and

(*c*) whether they are aware of the very bad condition of the Alleppey-Aroor road ?

**MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP** (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Rs. 12,431 in 1110 and Rs. 12,941 in 1111

(*b*) Rs. 421 per mile for the main central road and Rs. 454 per mile for Alleppey-Aroor road.

(*c*) The road is getting worn out on account of traffic and steps have been taken to get the damaged portions repaired.

*Improvement of canals in Shertala.*

340. ✻**MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether they have received any representation urging the necessity of deepening and improving Thankey canal, Ariparambu canal and Pallitodu canal in Shertala ; and

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